

Validation Challenge Problems: Static Frame Problem

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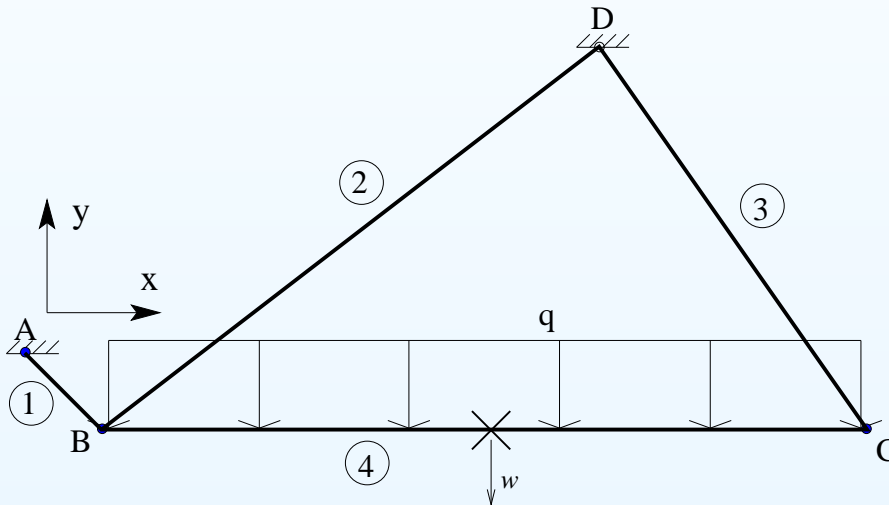
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Description of the problem

PROBLEM



PREDICTION

probability of the event

$$\{w \leq 3.0 \times 10^{-3} m\}$$

w : vertical displacement
at midpoint of bar #4

Remarks

- a) No error in measurements
- b) Complete verification of numerical solution
(no numerical error)



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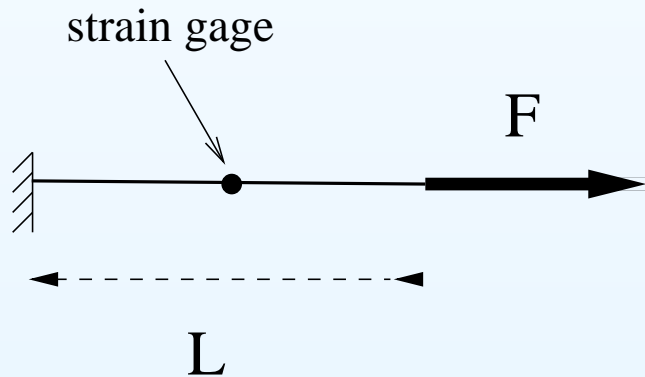
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Remark: the material is a generic one (not specific engineering material). **Experiments are virtual.**



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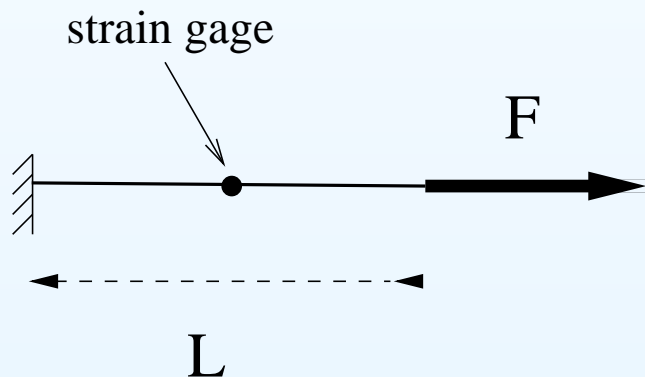
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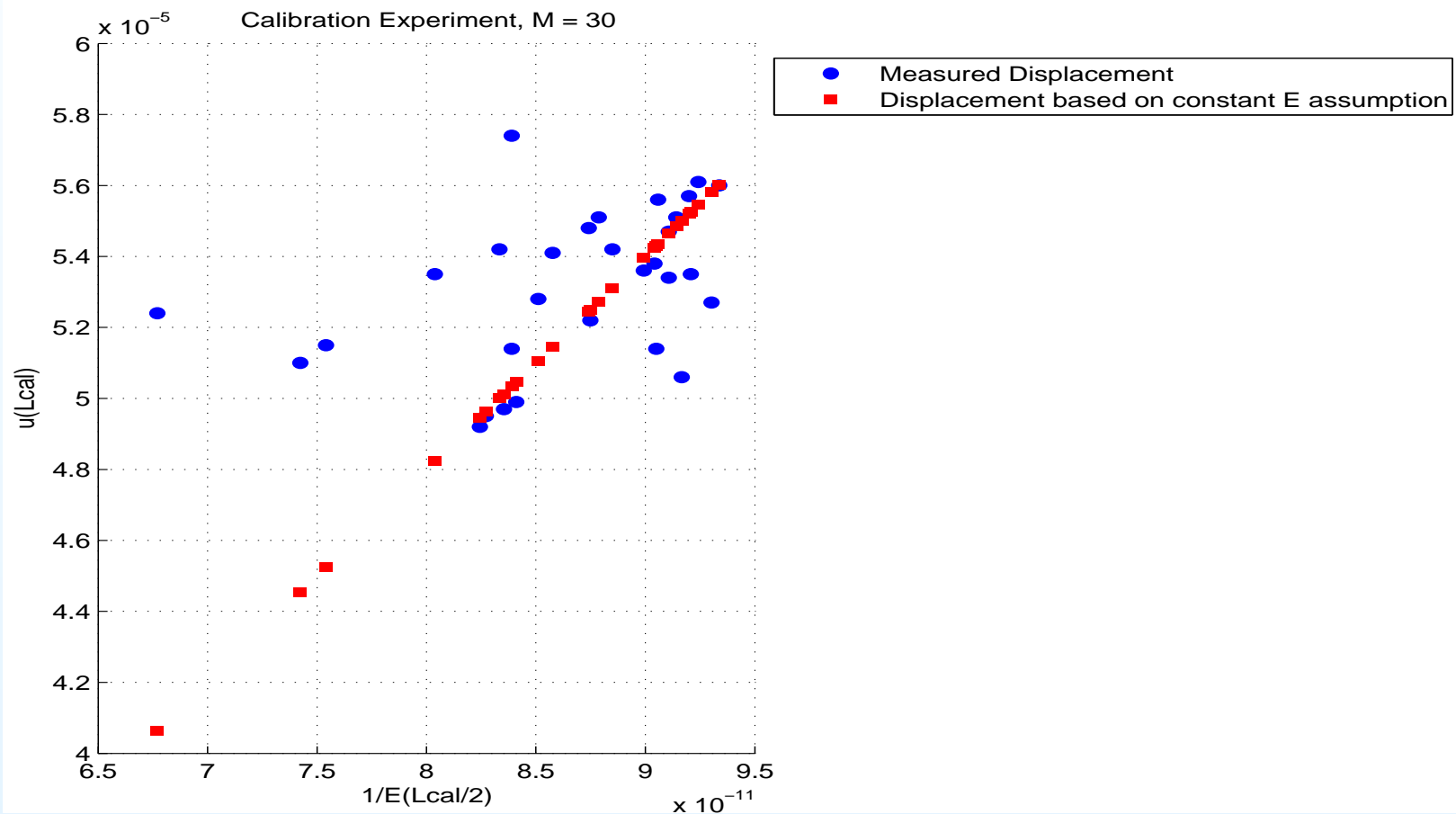
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Amount of data available:

- Case 1:** Small number of experiments
- Case 2:** Moderate number of experiments
- Case 3:** Larger number of experiments



The **homogeneous model** doesn't reproduce correctly the given calibration data



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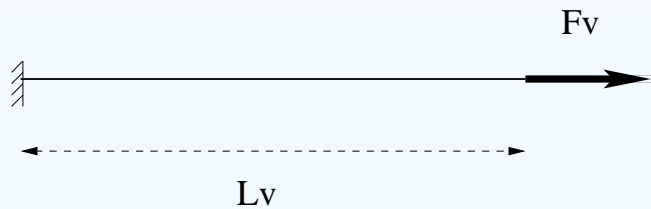
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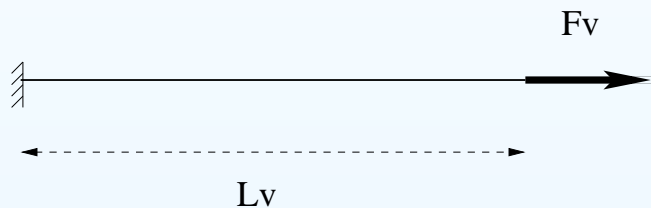


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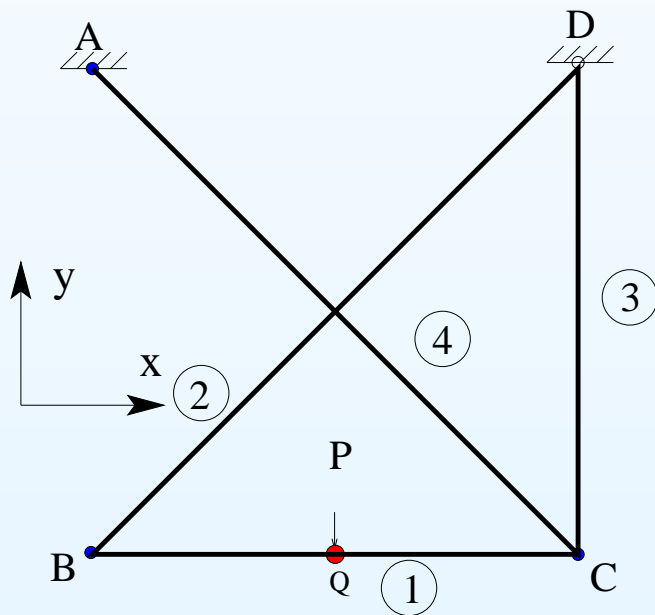
Case 2: (4)

Case 3: (10)



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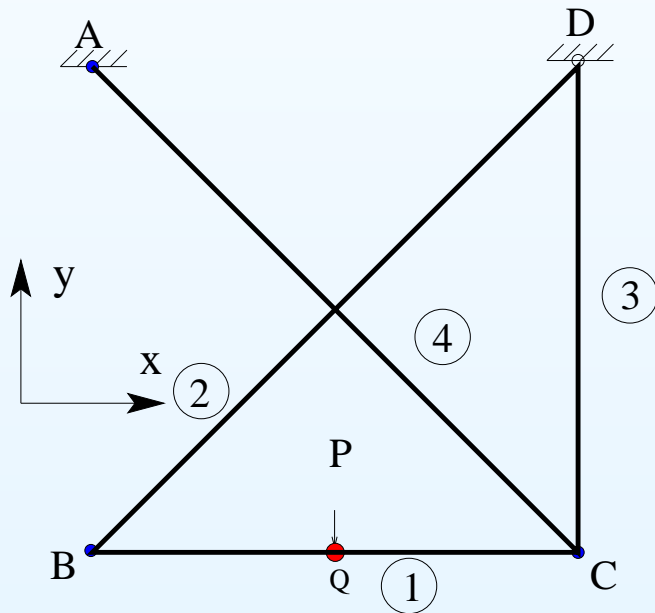


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Prediction

Regulatory compliance: likelihood of the event

$$|w| \leq 3.0 \times 10^{-3} m$$

i.e.

$$P(|w| \leq 3.0 \times 10^{-3} m) = \alpha$$

and a quantitative statement on the number α .



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- IS IT AGREEABLE TO SAY THAT WE ARE INTERESTED IN A FINITE NUMBER OF QUANTITIES OF INTEREST DEPENDING ON A GIVEN APPLICATION (AND THE SET OF THOSE QUANTITIES IS WHAT WE CALL THE PREDICTION)?



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● VERIFICATION: REMEMBER THAT IT COMES BEFORE VALIDATION!



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- HOW MANY DIFFERENT EXPERIMENTAL SETUPS ARE NEEDED FOR THE VALIDATION/ACCREDITATION PROCESS? SOME COST/BENEFIT DISCUSSION SHOULD BE INCLUDED.



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● UNCERTAINTY QUANTIFICATION:
WHICH ARE THE RIGHT TOOLS?

